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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EURA Comments on Greece: Military Purchases from USSR

1. We have received the [] item on the sale of Soviet military equipment to the Greek armed forces and are in general agreement with the factual content but not the interpretation of the piece. []

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[] in early June the Greeks expressed an interest in purchasing seven helicopters for the Ministry of Social Security to use as ambulances. We believe that this ministry would be the recipients of the MI-17s since this type of helicopter can be configured as an ambulance as well as for general military purposes. []

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3. We believe that this would not be the first Greek or NATO purchase from the Soviets. In the 1960s, the Greeks purchases some transportation equipment from the USSR as did the Turks in the late 60s and early 70s. []

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4. We are uncertain about the Greek government's role in the transaction. While buying equipment from the Soviets might be viewed as a political counterbalance to signing a base agreement with the US, we do not believe that the government would insist that Soviet equipment be considered, in particular because of the Greek military's attitude toward the USSR. []

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